

ROOSEVELT ADMITS BOSSES DICTATED IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

THE WEATHER REPORT: TULSA, April 26. — Temperature Maximum, 80; minimum, 57; south wind, clear, 2.00 inches of rainfall. WASHINGTON, April 26. — Oklahoma, generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

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WATERWAYS TO REDUCE RATES, SAYS RANSELL

Development of Natural Resources Would Result in Lower Freight Rates.

GABE PARKER TALKS BEFORE CONGRESS

Opening Day of Southern Commercial Meet Featured By Speeches.

MUSKOGEE, April 26.—Development of waterways and the natural resultant transportation competition, and not regulation by the interstate commerce commission or other bodies, offers the escape of the United States from excessive railroad freight rates, according to Senator Joseph E. Ransell of Louisiana, chairman of the senate committee on rivers and harbors and president of the National Rivers and Harbors association, who addressed the Southern Commercial congress here tonight.

Senator Ransell pointed out that he was not an opponent of railroads, "for our railroads have been the greatest civilizers the world has known."

"But the shippers and the consumers of this country are entitled to the use of the waterways God has given them," he said, and "such competition is the proper way to regulate our roads."

"The chief advantage of water transportation is its great cheapness compared to rail. As an example, eight million tons of freight passed through the Sault Ste. Marie last year at an average cost of .58 of a mill compared with a rail rate of .73 of a cent. This same relative difference exists on all well-improved waterways."

No Chance for Distances. "Another typical case is the rail rate from New Orleans to the Illinois Central, to Hammond, La., a distance of 55 miles, which is 12 1/2 cents, while the rate from New Orleans to Memphis, on the same road, a distance of 295 miles, is 12 cents. Memphis is on the Mississippi river, Hammond is in the interior.

"If the government were to charge people the same proportionate rate

JEAN GORDON MAKES PLEA FOR CHILDREN

Legislation in Favor of Youths Who Labor Reaps No Good Unless Laws Are Enforced.

MEMPHIS, April 26.—A plea for a more rigid enforcement of child labor laws in the south was made by Miss Jean Gordon of New Orleans, president of the southern conference on woman and child labor, in an address at tonight's session of the conference.

"Until the laws are properly enforced all legislation now contemplated will amount to naught and more than 200,000 child toilers in the mills and factories of the south will continue to be sweatshop victims," Miss Gordon declared. "We are striving for a 15-year law and an 8-hour day but legislation without proper enforcement is worse than no legislation."

The granting of the right of the ballot to women would assure the child worker "real protection," she said.

"It is the women who are seeing to what little enforcement there is," Miss Gordon asserted.

Delegates from a number of southern states attended the opening session of the conference here today. Officers will be elected tomorrow.

TULSA CLEARINGS EXCEED MUSKOGEE'S

Tulsa made another good record the past week in bank clearings. With a total of \$1,462,000 in clearings, Tulsa led Muskogee by nearly a million dollars, to be exact, \$888,000. Tulsa also led in clearings Springfield, Ohio, and Fargo, N. D., as well as nearly a score of other towns of equal population.

CASE WAS WEAK ONE

Contractor Who Was Arrested for Murder Is Released.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Rafaele Piculio, the contractor arrested and charged with the murder of Claudia Hansbury largely because his fountain pen was found near where boys came upon the body of a slain woman in a vacant lot in the Bronx, April 19, was discharged from custody today by Coroner Flynn. The case which the police claimed was nearly against him was much weakened when a Mrs. Burns, living in Troy, N. Y., was identified as Miss Hansbury. The dead woman's identity has not been established.

American Aviator Reported Killed



WILLIAM THAW.

PARIS, April 26.—A report has been received here that William Thaw, an American aviator, enlisted in the flying squad of the French army, has been killed near Verdun. Thaw enlisted in the Foreign Legion some time ago and was admitted to the aviation corps several months ago. It is said his machine was seen to fall when he was flying over the German lines.

BOOSTERS ATTEND GREAT CONGRESS

Trade Trip Excursionists Welcomed as They Spread Tulsa's Fame.

150 ON THE SPECIAL

Myron T. Herrick, Twice Governor of Ohio, Makes Stirring Speech.

DOWN one side of the Arkansas river valley on the Katy, and up on the other side of the Midland Valley, 150 Tulsa boosters yesterday spread the fame of this city in the regular bi-weekly trade excursion. Muskogee, where the Southern Commercial congress opened yesterday for a week's session, was the objective point of the trip. The Rotary club of Tulsa, 34 strong, joined with the merchants and business men of the city in making the trip the success it was. The striking feature of the journey was the work done by the 20-piece Tulsa band. Never before on these trips has the band played so freely and so well, and at every stop made the band was the center of interest, while at Muskogee, the thousands of visitors to the Commercial Congress cheered the Tulsa musicians to the echo.

One hundred and fifty business men, some accompanied by their wives and representing nearly as many different lines of business, climbed on board the

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION

AUSTIN, April 26.—Governor James E. Ferguson late today issued a proclamation calling the Thirty-fourth legislature of Texas to meet in special session April 29 to consider bills for general appropriations for the next two fiscal years and a bill to amend the present laws governing life insurance companies operating in Texas.

Both bills were left over by the recent regular session of the legislature. The insurance bill in the form in which it is expected to reach the legislature would provide that life insurance companies, which left Texas because of objections to laws governing them, might return, provided they invested certain sums in the state, and agreed to leave the question of back taxes to be decided in court. Governor Ferguson recently stated he believed \$15,000,000 would be invested in Texas by companies which he expects will return.

The call for the special session had been expected for several weeks. Legislators will be notified by telegraph.

Is Run Over by Train.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., April 26. M. W. Wolfe, a smelter worker, was killed instantly late today when hit by an M. K. & T. passenger train in the yards here. He failed to hear the train signals. Wolfe was 49 years old and leaves a wife and family.

ARKANSAS RIVER AT A HIGH STAGE

At Midnight It Was 11 Feet Above Normal and Was Steadily Rising.

2.09 INCHES OF RAIN

Downtown Districts Flooded by Heavy Rain Early Sunday Night.

ARKANSAS river is 11 feet above normal and at midnight last night was still rising at the rate of an inch an hour as the result of rains which fell Sunday night and Monday morning in Oklahoma and Kansas. In many places the river has spread out onto flat lands and into sloughs, becoming a mile wide. Although the danger mark is 16 feet, many residents of the lowlands were making arrangements to move out in case the rise continued through the night.

During the 24 hours between 6 o'clock Sunday evening and the same time Monday 2.09 inches of precipitation fell in Tulsa, according to the weather report. All of this came between 6 o'clock Sunday and an early hour Monday morning, the great volume between 8 and 10 o'clock Sunday.

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TULSA MASONS TO HAVE NEW HOME

Will Occupy Second Floor New Glass Building, Sixth and Main.

Architects are drawing plans for the new M. J. Glass building, which will be erected soon near the corner of Sixth and Main streets. The building will be brick, two stories high, 50x140 feet. The lot on the northwest corner of Sixth and Main belongs to Overton & Green, but is now vacant. The Glass building will be erected on the adjacent lot, a 50-foot front between it and the Stansbury building.

The lower floor of the new building will be used for commercial purposes, but the upper floor will be rented to the Masonic orders of Tulsa, on a five-year lease. Committees representing each of the local Masonic orders are working on the floor plans for the upper story and expect to use the building until the proposed Masonic temple has been erected. The Masons hope to occupy their new quarters in the Glass building by July 1, next.

The building, according to Mr. Glass' statement, will be entirely modern, with steam heat. There will be no elevator, but in his opinion it will not be practical on a building of that height.

EUROPE KEEPS ANXIOUS EYES ON FLANDERS

Battle Begun by German Attack Rages With Undiminished Fury.

BELIEVE TEUTONS AIM AT DUNKIRK

News of Allies Attacking Dardanelles Brings No Thrill.

LONDON, April 26.—(10:30 p. m.) The tremendous battle begun by the German attack on the allied archipelago of Flanders continues with undiminished fury, and England, like the rest of Europe, is awaiting the outcome with undiminished anxiety.

Even the news that the allied fleet and army have commenced an attack on the Dardanelles and that troops are advancing against the Turkish entrenchments has received only passing attention in the face of the stakes that are in the balance in the battle beyond the English Channel.

Recruiting Increases.

While the majority of those capable of forming an opinion believe that the Germans, by the stroke they have delivered against the British, French and Belgians, are once again aiming at Dunkirk and Calais, there are those who believe that it is only a feint in force to draw the allied reserves, while preparations are being made for an attack at some other point in the long line. Whatever are the intentions of the Germans, they certainly made a successful coup, which, while it did not break, did dent the allied line. The Canadians, who were holding the allies in repelling similar attacks last October, when they were less well equipped than the Germans, whereas now there is believed to be little doubt that the opposing forces in either numbers or the machinery of war. The battle has had a marked effect in recruiting, which enjoyed a considerable boom today.

In the meantime the Austro-Germans have evolved a new movement in the Carpathians. Apparently they

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RATES ON MEATS ARE HIGH ENOUGH

Trying to Make Packing House Products Pay for Less Remunerative Freight.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Present freight rates on packing house products and fresh meats are so remunerative to railroads, according to C. J. Heinemann, assistant traffic manager of Morris & Co., packers, that there is no justification for increasing the tariffs.

Heinemann occupied the witness stand before W. M. Daniels, interstate commerce commissioner, all day, voicing the objections of the packing house interests to an increase of 3 1/2 cents a hundred pounds on fresh meats and packing house products, one of the advances proposed by forty-one western railroad systems on certain commodities.

In connection with his testimony, Mr. Heinemann offered eighty-one exhibits, showing in detail the figures of cost of transportation and of comparison of rates.

Touching the fresh meat rates, Mr. Heinemann said:

"The proposed advance from St. Joseph, Omaha and Kansas City to the Mississippi river and points east would total \$3,063,594.20.

"It looks to us as if the carriers were trying to make the packers bear the burdens created by unremunerative rates on other hauls and other commodities.

"Against an average per mile earning of 10 cents on a number of commodities moving between Kansas City and Omaha we now pay 16 1/2 cents on fresh meats and 18 1/2 cents on packing house products," added the witness.

Final Notice!

People who have placed orders for the mailing of copies of the

Achievements of Tulsa

—are hereby notified that names and mailing addresses MUST be in this office by Wednesday to assure mailing.

World Publishing Co.

He Was the Funniest Man in all the World



JOHN BUNNEY

NEW YORK, April 26.—John Bunney, whose antics as a moving picture comedian have made millions laugh, died today at his home in Brooklyn. He had been ill about three weeks of a complication of diseases.

Members of his family were with him when he died. For a week he apparently had been improving. A strenuous month of work, it is believed, caused the breakdown which resulted in his death.

John Bunney was 52 years old. For twenty-nine years he had been before the footlights before he entered the moving picture field four years ago. During his career as an actor he had leading roles with many old

INTERNS FOR WAR AT NEWPORT NEWS

Sixty Members of Crew of Kronprinz Wilhelm Are Sick Says Captain.

TIME LIMIT EXPIRED

Hos Hoped For 30 Days to Run Gauntlet to Sea But Abandon Hope.

NEWPORT NEWS, April 26.—The German commerce destroyer, Kronprinz Wilhelm will be interned for the war in American waters at the request of her commander, Lieutenant Captain Thierfelder. Notice of his intentions was given by the German officer to Collector of Customs Hamilton late today in this message:

"Herewith I have to officially inform you that I intend."

Commander Thierfelder later amplified verbally this message by saying

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WOMEN ARE CHIEF OBJECT OF LOOT

Oil Man From Mexico Says Villa Is Insane; Obregon Is "Strong Man."

DRUMRIGHT, Okla., April 26.—Francisco Villa has been insane for the past several months, according to R. A. Alford, a big oil operator of the Mexican field, who was held a hostage by the Villa forces for several days, and talked with Villa in person. He says that excesses and the terrible strain Villa has undergone in the past two years have broken down his reason and that at times the peon leader is a madman.

Alford describes the Mexican situation as utterly hopeless and says it will never be remedied until this or some other government intervenes and establishes a stable form of government. He believes that General Obregon of the Carranza forces is at present the "strong man" of Mexico and that Obregon will soon out Caranza and assume complete control of that faction. Alford says the state of the women of Mexico is simply indescribable. Women are being sold out right by the soldiers, he declares. The women comprise the chief loot when ever a town is captured, he says.

NEW TAX SYSTEM SWELLS TREASURY

More Than Eighty Million Dollars Will Be Turned Into Treasury.

NO BOND ISSUE NOW

Corporations Slump a Little but Individual Side Is Looming Big.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Complete preliminary estimates from all internal revenue collection districts received at the treasury department indicate that the individual and corporation income tax this year will not only come up to the original estimates of eighty million dollars but probably will exceed that sum.

This is the most welcome bit of information that has come to the ears of treasury officials in many months. If the estimate is borne out the prospective issue of Panama canal bonds to swell the slowly sinking general fund of the treasury may be delayed longer than many students of the government's financial condition have thought possible.

It was said tonight that the estimate put the amount to be collected at \$89,025,000, but officials are confident that results will show several millions more. This prospect is especially pleasing to the administration in view of predictions that the war in Europe and the new tariff would combine to prevent a large return.

Estimates of returns from corporations do not indicate so much income from this source as was looked for, but the loss has been more than offset on the individual side. It is understood that the year will show more individual taxables than last year, when about three hundred and fifty-seven thousand persons paid.

The treasury's total disbursements for the fiscal year to date in excess of the receipts for the same period passed the \$100,000,000 mark today.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR G. A. R. MEET

That there will be an attendance of at least two thousand people at the joint G. A. R. and United Spanish War Veterans May 13 and 14 was the firm belief of all representatives at a meeting of those bodies and their women auxiliaries in Judge Shaeffer's office of the courthouse last night. There were 50 men and women present.

The program for the three days, already published, was approved at the meeting and the convention in general discussed. Another meeting of the local bodies will be held in the same place a week from last night, which is the regular monthly meeting date, being the first Monday in May.

NOT ROOSEVELT BUT THE 'BOSS' WAS GOVERNOR

Teddy Admits He Sought Advice of "Big Ones" in Appointments.

CORRESPONDENCE IS READY TO JURY

Appointed a Democrat in Order to "Keep in" With the "Machine."

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 26.—Theodore Roosevelt admitted under cross examination today in the suit for alleged malfeasance which William Barnes has brought against him, that while governor he had freely consulted the "boss" of the Republican party in New York state in reference to the appointment of officials in the state government and various legislative and political matters.

The "boss" named was Thomas C. Platt, who at the time represented New York in the United States senate. The former president said he took the advice of the senator in many matters, among them to appoint a Democrat to the office of tax commissioner to "please Grady," whom the colonel described as a "lieutenant boss" of Richard Croker, then leader of Tammany hall.

Letters Read to Jury.

The testimony resulted from questions asked after letters of a series that passed between Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Platt had been read to the jury. By these letters both sides discussed all manner of political and legislative affairs. In one

VILLA ANTICIPATES BATTLE AT TORREON

Advance of Zapata Forces From Mexico City Drives an "Iron Ring" About Obregon's Army.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The forces of Generals Villa and Obregon probably will meet in a second battle within a few days somewhere south of Torreon, according to a statement issued here tonight by the Villa agency. Villa is declared to have completed his concentration at Aguas Calientes, following his retreat from Trapatito and the advance of Zapata's forces. Mexico City is said to have drawn an "iron ring" about Obregon's army.

"General Obregon's army is not at Leon, as claimed," the statement said, "but somewhere south of Trapatito. The agency has advised that General Obregon has not reached Trapatito. The next battle will be fought perhaps within a week.

Obregon is now completely isolated from all sources of supplies and reinforcements. The Zapata forces, advancing from Mexico City upon Obregon's rear, have welded together the iron ring with which the convention forces have been slowly encircling Obregon. Interruption of the railroad between Pachuca and Tula completed the work of cutting off Obregon. He has no communication with Vera Cruz.

Advice to the state department today made little reference to the Villa-Obregon situation.

Mail advices from Sonora said conditions there were nearly normal with the exception of the Yaqui valley district, where the Yaqui Indians have been active and have recently attacked several foreign-owned properties.

"It is stated," said a department source, "that if the American companies in Sonora can be kept at work the situation of the poorer classes in the matter of food supplies will be greatly helped. The Creston Colorado company is said to be trying to relieve the situation by a contract for delivery of the state at 40 cents United States currency in the dollar. It is reported that the governor has increased taxes, making some payable in United States currency at the rate of two for one."

KANSAS THREATENS LIVE STOCK EMBARGO

TOPEKA, April 26.—Unless Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Arizona modify their quarantine relations against Kansas by May 1, Joe Mercer, state live stock sanitary commissioner, says he will retaliate with an embargo against these states. Mercer today notified the live stock commissioners of these states of his intention to adopt retaliatory measures.

The quarantine measures were justified when the foot and mouth disease broke out in southeast Kansas more than two months ago. Mercer has written J. H. Avery of Fort Smith, the Texas commissioner, but he insists it is unreasonable, now that the federal bureau of animal industry has classified all of Kansas except four counties as free territory.

"We feel that the live stock interests of Kansas have been unjustifiably wronged by the action of the sanitary authorities of Texas," Mercer wrote Avery.